

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Lifeline and Link Up Reform and
Modernization

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WC Docket No. 11-42

CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC
NOTICE OF FORBEARANCE

Pursuant to the *Lifeline Modernization Order*,¹ Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC (“CBT”) hereby gives notice that it elects forbearance relief from the obligation to provide Lifeline-supported broadband Internet access service (“BIAS”). The Commission ordered any eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) to notify the Commission by December 2, 2016 that it is availing itself of the forbearance granted in the *Lifeline Modernization Order* and to identify those areas by Census block where they intend to avail themselves of forbearance relief.² CBT is a price cap carrier that accepted Connect America Phase II model-based support for certain areas and must provide Lifeline-supported BIAS in those areas when it deploys facilities capable of providing the minimum service levels and is commercially offering service.³ CBT elects forbearance in all other areas.

In accordance with the November 22, 2016, Wireline Competition Bureau’s Guidance⁴ to ETCs seeking to invoke forbearance granted by the *Lifeline Forbearance Order*, CBT provides

¹*Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42, Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016).

²*Id.*, ¶ 313.

³*Id.*, ¶ 317-18.

⁴*Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted by Lifeline Modernization Order*, Public Notice, DA 16-1316 (WCD Nov. 22, 2016) (“Guidance”).

the following information:

- a. *Carrier Name:* Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC
d/b/a Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company
or Cincinnati Bell Telephone or Cincinnati Bell
- b. *ETC Designation Information:* CBT has been designated an ETC as follows:
- Ohio: Dec. 18, 1997 Supplemental Finding and Order,
Case No. 97-632-TP-COI
- Kentucky: Nov. 26, 1997 Order, Administrative Case Nos. 355 & 360
- Indiana: Dec. 23, 1997 Order, Case No. 41052-ETC 41.
- c. *Areas Where ETC Seeks Forbearance:* CBT is claiming forbearance relief in all geographic areas except those Census Blocks where it has accepted Connect America Phase II ("CAF II") Model-Based Support. A link to the Commission's List of CAF II Eligible Census Blocks and the public notice indicating the states where CBT has been authorized to receive Phase II model-based support is as follows:
https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-15-968A1.pdf
https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/CAM43_Supported_Locations.zip
- d. *Date and Reason for Change:* N/A
- e. *Signature and Contact Information for ETC's Authorized Representative:*
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- f. *Optional Information on Areas Where Carrier Elects to Offer BIAS:* N/A

Respectfully submitted,



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